



CITY OF SUNNYVALE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

**MINUTES
Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

2006-0100 – Sustainable Community Gardens [Applicant] **City of Sunnyvale** [Owners]: Application for a Special Development Permit on a 1.8-acre site to allow a community garden. The property is located near the intersection of **W. Olive Avenue and Charles Street** in an O/PD (Office/Planned Development) Zoning District. (APN: 165-04-019)

In attendance: Josh Salans, Applicant; Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer; Andrew Miner, Project Planner; Luis Uribe, Staff Office Assistant.

Ms. Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer, on behalf of the Director of Community Development, explained the format that would be observed during the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso announced the subject application.

Andrew Miner, Project Planner, stated that the proposal is for a community garden on the undeveloped property adjacent to the City property near the northwest corner of Charles Street and Olive Avenue. The City has entered into an agreement with Sustainable Community Gardens (SCG) to develop an organic community garden for residents of the city. SCG will design, build, manage and maintain the garden community. There are expected to be 81 members of the gardens. Raised garden beds made of redwood will be built in varying sizes and will be permanently placed throughout the site. Compost bins will also be provided throughout the site. There will be gardening classes available for the members on site. The site will be fenced, with gated entries which will be locked after hours (from 6 pm to 7 am). Staff recommends approval of the application.

Ms. Caruso opened the public hearing.

Josh Salans, Applicant, received and reviewed a copy of the staff report. The applicant had some questions regarding the process of getting a building permit as well as city provided street tree's.

Ms. Caruso closed the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso approved the application subject to the Findings and Conditions of Approval provided in the staff report with a clarification on Landscaping condition 3B that the applicant, not the sub divider, will pay for the cost of the street tree's.

Ms. Caruso stated that the decision is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission with payment of the appeal fee within the 15-day appeal period.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner